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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT : Meeting with CARAVEL

1. I met with CARAVEL and [] at my apartment on the evening of 30 April. The meeting was arranged at my request for the purpose of attaining CARAVEL's advice on what to do regarding the criminal charges against []. This matter has been handled by [] in separate rybat correspondence. CARAVEL and I arranged to get together at his place in Wiesbaden sometime during the third week of May.

2. After [] had departed, CARAVEL remained for a short period of time. During this period I told him that I had heard a rumor that [] would be his replacement as the chief of CAMEN. CARAVEL made a sour face and replied that as far as he knew [] would be the last possible choice as his replacement. Such an appointment was only conceivable in CARAVEL's mind if Willy Brandt became Chancellor. [] does not have a good reputation in professional police circles. He is considered to be more of a politician than a policeman. CARAVEL felt that his appointment of CAMEN would be a disaster for the German Security Services. CARAVEL said that he is being asked by the Ministry of Interior almost on a daily basis whether or not he would be willing to extend his service for at least a year. It seems that there is no good candidate for CARAVEL's replacement. His deputy is considered too young (42 years) for such an important position. CARAVEL said that he has no intention of extending his service and is looking forward to retirement. (It is my personal opinion that CARAVEL could be persuaded to postpone his retirement if WOFIRM would ask him to do so. This however, is only my opinion.)

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